

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Let us gather as a community to celebrate the blessings that surround us



A Letter from the Pastor: Sharing God's Light to the World

By Pastor Tim Ehling -- Mission Developer for the Kettle River Cooperative

Family of the Kettle River Cooperative,

Let your light so SHINE this summer....

Marianne Williamson an American spiritual author, lecturer, and political activist who rose to prominence in the late 1980's and early 1990's once wrote:

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small

doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. As we let our light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.”

Williamson is paraphrasing the words of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 5:14, Jesus says, “YOU are the light of the world.” Jesus doesn't say you will become the light of the world if you do this or that, he doesn't say you

Sunday Worship

Trinity Lutheran Church

Every Sunday at 8:00am

Oak Lake Lutheran Church

Every Sunday at 11:15am

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might be if you just work hard enough, he says YOU ARE the light of the world...right now, today. Through our Baptism in Christ, we have been made God's children forever and given the gift of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul reminds us in 1 Cor. 12:7 that all of God's people have been given spiritual gifts. He writes... "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." So use them!

"Shining your light gives others permission to shine too."

The whole point is...don't be afraid this summer wherever you may find yourself to use the spiritual gifts that you have been given. Do not be shy or embarrassed or reluctant to use your gifts. Let your Light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give Glory to your Father in heaven. Or as the great boxer, Sugar Ray Leonard once said in a speech at Harvard, "I consider myself blessed. I consider you blessed. We've all been blessed with God-given talents. Mine just happens to be beatin' people up." Whatever your gifts may be, use them for God's Glory!

God's peace and strong presence be with you and your family this summer as always.

Confirmation Sunday at Oak Lake

Confirmation Sunday will be held on **June 7** during worship service at Oak Lake Church. We celebrate with our four confirmands — **Lusa Dipman, Ava Spaulding, Audrey Gunderson, and Kylie Sandell** — as they confirm their baptism and affirm their faith before the congregation. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

News for June

Summer is for Friends, Old and New!

Area children ages 5-12 are invited to join us for the **8th Annual Camp CONNECT**. Connecting Art + Science + Nature + Neighbors!

June 22-25 | 9AM - 3PM
Kerrick Community Center

Suggested contribution: \$40-\$60 per child. All are welcome, whether you are able to contribute or not.

Interested in signing up or volunteering? Contact Anne Marie Mast at 218-380-4835 or email kerrickcommunitycenter@gmail.com

Graduation Recognition Sunday at Oak Lake

On May 17, Oak Lake Church celebrated **Graduation Recognition Sunday** in honor of our 2026 graduates: **Magnus Koecher, Mason Spaulding, Sophie Gunderson, Blake Hoffman, and Alek Shefchick**.

Each graduate received a handmade quilt lovingly created by the **WELCA group** as a reminder of the congregation's support, prayers, and care as they begin their next chapter in life. Four of the graduates were able to attend the special blessing ceremony along with their families.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to all of our graduates as they move forward into new opportunities and adventures. May God guide and bless them in the journey ahead!

Oak Lake Graduation Open House Invitations

The congregation is invited to celebrate our 2026 graduates from Moose Lake High School at the following graduation open houses:

- **Magnus Koecher**
Saturday, June 6 | 4-7 PM
YMCA Camp Miller
89382 E. Frontage Rd,
Sturgeon Lake
- **Mason Spaulding**
Saturday, June 13 | 3-7 PM
52569 Shadow Oak Rd,
Kerrick
- **Isaac Stadin**
Saturday, June 27
2102 County Line Rd,
Nickerson

Please note that invitations are also posted on the church bulletin board in the basement.

Congratulations to all of our graduates as they celebrate this exciting milestone!

Flea & Craft Market Success

The Flea & Craft Market held on Saturday, May 16 at Trinity was a wonderful success! With 12 vendors participating, the event raised over \$850 for the Bruno Food Shelf.

The day was filled with fellowship, creativity, and community spirit as people gathered to share their talents, interests, and support for a great cause. Thank you to everyone who helped organize, participate in, and attend the event!

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bruno Food Shelf Hours: Monday, Friday & Saturday 1-2pm			Daisy's Thrift Store Hours: Monday, Friday & Saturday 10am-3pm; Thursday 3-6pm			
	1	2	3 Blood Drive 11-5pm at Nemadji in Bruno	4	5	6 Magnus Koecher Open House 4-7pm at YMCA Camp Miller OL Farmer's Market
7 Trinity Worship 8am OL Worship 11:15am Baptisms & Confirmations	8 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	9 Trinity Council 7pm	10 Women's Bible Study 4pm at Trinity	11 Auxiliary 3pm at Trinity	12 Legion 6pm at Trinity	13 Bishop Amy's Retirement Celebration at Zion in Grand Rapids Mason Spaulding Open House 3-7pm at his home OL Farmer's Market
14 Trinity Worship 8am Potluck to follow OL Worship 11:15am	15 WELCA Summer Convention at Zion in Grand Rapids <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	16 WELCA Summer Convention at Zion in Grand Rapids Oak Lake Council 6:30pm	17	18	19	20 OL Farmer's Market
21 Trinity Worship 8am OL Property Mtg 10am OL Worship 11:15am BP checks Happy Father's Day!	22 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> Camp Connect at Kerrick Community Center	23 Camp Connect at Kerrick Community Center	24 Newsletter Deadline Camp Connect at Kerrick Community Center	25 Camp Connect at Kerrick Community Center	26	27 Isaac Stadin Open House in Nickerson OL Farmer's Market
28 Trinity Worship 8am OL Worship 11:15am Potluck to follow	29 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	30	OL Worship Servants: Altar Guild: Mareta Beise & Doodie Marier Readers: Charlene Skrivseth /Mareta Beise Communion Server: Tony Koecher Greeters, Acolyte, and Sunday Coffee Hosts: Volunteers Trinity Worship Leaders: Amy Nos and George Nos			